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MEMORANDUM**Date:** June 19, 1997**To:** BOL -File**From:** Tom Miller - FOS - Collinsville**Subject:** LPC #1630450031 -- St. Clair County
East St. Louis/Wastex - 15th Street
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On April 29, 1997, I met Cindy Nolan, OSC from U.S. EPA Region V and two members Ecology and Environment Superfund Technical Assistant Team at the Wastex 15th Street site in East St. Louis, Illinois. The purpose of the visit was to obtain samples of liquid waste below the Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs) and suspected asbestos containing material from pipes located in the basement of the paint storage building. The START team collected three liquid waste samples, one from the floor of the AST storage area, one from one of the thousands of one gallon paint cans and one from an AST located outside due south of the paint building. The fourth sample collected was of the pipe wrap material located in the basement of the paint storage building.

The results of these samples were provided to this writer via fax on May 21, 1997 (copy attached). All three of the liquid waste samples had a flash point below 140°F and the pipe wrap sample result showed it to contain 25% asbestos. Ms. Nolan informed this writer that based on these results the U.S. EPA was going to perform a removal action at this site. This action would consist of removing all of the one gallon paint cans, the liquid in the ASTs and the asbestos containing material on the pipes in the basement of the paint storage building.

On May 21, Cindy Nolan contacted this writer and informed me that they had located a PRP interested in performing a cleanup at the site (J.H. Collier's son). She then requested that I meet with Collier's consultant, Greg Haug of Environmental Concepts on May 23, 1997 at the site to observe AST sampling activities.

On May 23, 1997, this writer met Greg Haug at the site along with 3 laborers from Rainbow Glass and 2 environmental field technicians and a health and safety officer from Heritage Environmental Services. Rainbow Glass personnel removed panes of glass from the second story windows on the south and west sides of the building (Roll#3053 - Photos #2-4) prior to Heritage Personnel entering the AST area to perform an inventory of the tanks contents.